

MME. CHIANG KAI-SHANG HITS PLEAS TO DISARM

She Says at U. of Michigan
That Freedom Would End
With Unilateral Action

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The disarmament of the free world would leave it open to Communist domination, Mme. Chiang Kai-shek declared here tonight.

She said the advocates of such disarmament would accept mere biological survival in exchange for freedom.

In a speech prepared for delivery at a convocation at the University of Michigan, the wife of the President of the Republic of China declared that the proponents of unilateral disarmament "confuse the need for peace with survival at any cost."

Mme. Chiang called for a positive approach to the Communist challenge rather than a "rear guard action against the inevitable."

Sees Communism Doomed

"Communism is in conflict with our ethical experiences and is moving toward its own doom," she declared.

"The horrors of present day technology have become so uppermost and central to the mind that freedom and values of human dignity which we were taught to cherish above all else have become secondary to biological survival," Mme. Chiang said.

An example of this attitude, she declared, was to be found in "the view entertained by some present day engineers who opine that although disarmament by the free world will probably bring Communist domination, that domination is preferable to the prospect of a nuclear and hydrogen war."

This kind of reasoning, she said, has often been pointed out as the cause of the "self-inflicted degradation in human dignity."

In saying that domination is preferable to nuclear war, it is quite clear that this is an attempt to put a "fig leaf" behind the thought that since the free world is not the aggressor and since the free world wants peace at any price, and since Soviet Russia capitalizes on the slogan of peace we should avail ourselves of the opportunity given by Soviet Russia by preparing the ground for our capitulation to Communism," Mme. Chiang declared.

Sees Key Factor

In her speech, Mme. Chiang said this was the threat of Communist domination.

Communism leads to the "gradual annihilation of intellectual courage and produces moral cowardice."

"It is a tragedy that some powerful minds allowed themselves to be enmeshed in argument over means such as relaxation of tension, appeasement and finally slavery-better-than-annihilation, groveling in the hopeless hope that life would be spared them," she declared.

She said these "intellectuals" were "letting others do their thinking for them—indeed a sharp departure from their very stock-in-trade."

"They nullify and perhaps unwittingly desecrate the principle of human dignity, which has been the motivating force against tyranny. They are ignoring the fact that if total darkness should fall upon the world, it would be they who have made the Communist conquest possible by destroying the will to fight. They would be achieving what Communist imperialism could never have hoped to achieve if the will to stand firm had been kept high," she declared.

Surrender and Valor

Declaring that advocates of capitulation believed that "total spiritual and physical surrender is the better part of valor,"

Mme. Chiang called for recognition of her belief that communism was moving towards its own doom and that defenders of the free world had neither the right to sell its "intellectual birthright" nor that of posterity.

At the same time, she declared, scientific advancement to avoid being deluged by the enemy must not be accompanied by "propagandistic, stereotyped and stultifying" education.

"The open mind," she declared, "possesses no real certitude of views unless it acquires ideas and opinions through the process of true reasoning and beliefs."

Mme. Chiang, who is a graduate of Wellesley College received tonight an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Michigan. The degree was conferred by the university's President, Dr. Harlan Hatcher. She was cited for her accomplishments in education, diplomacy and public affairs.

She arrived here yesterday for her first visit to the university since 1943. Today she toured the campus and visited the pediatrics department of the University Hospital as well as the Oriental section of the university library.

Tonight Mme. Chiang was the guest of honor at a reception given by Dr. and Mrs. Hatcher. Chinese students and administrative officers of the university attended.

Mme. Chiang will leave here tomorrow morning for New York to visit Maj. Gen. Clare Chennault, who commanded the "Flying Tigers," the air group which fought against the Japanese during the Chinese Nationalist Revolution.

during the visit here were H. H. Kung, her nephew; Hollington K. Tong, the Chinese Ambassador to Washington; K. W. Yu, the Chinese counsel general in New York; Col. H. S. Hwang, her military aide; a secretary and a companion.

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